Indian export shipment held up for inspection by swiss agency

*688. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports in Economic Times of the 9th May, 1994 that Indian export shipments to Russia Zambia and South Africa are being held up in the process of inspection of goods by a Swiss agency; and

(b) if so, whether Government would consider apppointing more inspection agencies instead of a single agency presently empowered to give certification to mitigate sufferings and losses of Indian exporters?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The news item pertains to cases where the inspection agencies are nominated by the overseas governments of the overseas buyers. The complaints have been received only in respect of Russia and not Zambia or South Africa. This matter was recently discussed with the Russian side during bilateral talks. The Russian side pointed out that they were initiating action for involving other companies to fulfill the inspection requirements.

Poor profit margin by Fair Price Shop Owners

*689. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of fair price shop owners across the country have approached the Civil Supplies authorities for the permission to close down their shops owing to poor profit margin; and

(b) if so, how Government propose to meet the situation?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI A. K. ANTONY): (a) Central Government has not received any report from State Governments/UT Administrations to the effect that a large number of the fair price shop owners has sought permission to close down their shops owning to poor profit margins.

(b) Does not arise.

उड़ीसा, बिहार और मध्य प्रदेश के विभिन्न कोयला क्षेत्रों में कोयले का उत्पादन

*690. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव :** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान उड़ीसा के विभिन्न कोयला क्षेत्रों में कोयले का वर्षवार कितना-कितना उत्पादन हुआ ;

(ख) महानदी कोलफील्ड्स लि० में खनन कार्य शुरू होने के बाद कितने कोयले का उत्पादन हो रहा है ,

(ग) सरकार ने उड़ीसा, बिहार और मध्य प्रदेश में विभिन्न किस्मों के कोयले का उत्पादन बढ़ाने के लिये क्या कदम उठाये हैं;

(घ) आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना के लिये इस संबंध में क्या लक्ष्य निर्धारित किये गये हैं ; और

(ङ) उक्त लक्ष्यों को प्राप्त करने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान उड़ीसा राज्य के